



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 25-211

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: October 24, 2025
SUBJECT: Exclusive Children Play Areas Prioritization

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to update the City Commission on the Exclusive Children Play Areas implementation.

On September 16, 2025, the City Commission adopted an ordinance to establish regulations designating Exclusive Children Play Areas within City parks (CAM #25-0837). The ordinance reinforces that the purpose of Exclusive Children Play Areas is to provide spaces for active and social engagement among children, while deterring inappropriate or loitering behavior by unaccompanied adults. Exclusive Children Play Areas are designated areas within City parks that will be clearly marked with signage, and where adults are not permitted unless accompanying a child under the age of 18. There are 47 identified Exclusive Children Play Areas located within City parks (Attachment 1).

The Parks and Recreation Department, with support from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, created a priority list for the installation of proper signage to designate the Exclusive Children Play Areas. The priority list will be divided into phases for implementation. On October 22, 2025, the prioritization list for the designation of Exclusive Children Play Areas was presented to the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board. After a brief discussion, the prioritization list was recommended by the Board.

Phase 1 Implementation		
Bass Park	Gore Betz Park	Lincoln Park
Benenson Park	Guthrie Blake Memorial Park	Mangurian Park
Carter Park	Harbordale Park	Mills Pond Park
Florence C. Hardy Park	Holiday Park	Riverland Park
George English Park	Lauderdale Manors Park	Sistrunk Park

The November 4, 2025, City Commission Regular Meeting agenda will include a budget amendment in the amount of \$20,000 to fund the signage for all the phases.

The Phase 1 installation areas are expected to be completed by the end of October 2025. City staff will continue to install proper signage in all identified parks until the list is complete. Installation at the remaining 32 locations is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

For further information, please contact Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation Director, at cwilliams@fortlauderdale.gov.

Attachment:

1. Exclusive Children Play Areas Prioritization

c: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney
David R. Soloman, City Clerk
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
City Manager's Office
Department Directors

Phase One

	Park Name	Address
1	Bass Park	2750 NW 19th St
2	Benenson Park	1330 SW 33rd Ter
3	Carter Park	1450 W. Sunrise Blvd
4	George English Park	1101 Bayview Dr
5	Gore Betz Park	1611 SW 9th Ave
6	Guthrie Blake Memorial Park	2801 SW 2nd St
7	Harbordale Park	1817 S. Miami Rd
8	Hardy Park (Florence C. Hardy Park)	25 SW 9th St
9	Holiday Park	1150 G. Harold Martin Dr
10	Lauderdale Manors Park	1340 Chateau Park Dr
11	Lincoln Park	600 NW 19th Ave
12	Mangurian Park	3850 N. Federal Hwy
13	Mills Pond Park	2201 NW 9th Ave
14	Riverland Park	950 SW 27th Ave
15	Sistrunk Park	200 NW 6th St

Phase Two

	Park Name	Address
1	Bayview Park	4401 Bayview Dr
2	Dottie Mancini	6520 NE 22nd Ave
3	Coral Ridge Park	2401 NE 27th Ter
4	Dr. Elizabeth Hays Civic Park	3781 Riverland Rd
5	Floranada Park	5251 NE 14th Way
6	Norfolk Riverfront Park	200 NW 18th Ave
7	Osswald Park	2220 NW 21st Ave
8	Palm Aire Park	3352 NW 63rd St
9	Palm Aire Village Park	6401 NW 21st Ave
10	Shirley Small Park	1230 SW 34th Ave
11	Twin Lakes North Park	4600 Twin Lakes Blvd
12	Virginia Young Park	1000 SE 9th Ave
13	Walker Park	1001 NW 4th St

Phase Three

	Park Name	Address
1	Bryant Peney Park	2100 SW 4th Ave
2	Coontie Hatchee Park	1116 SW 15th Ave
3	Croissant Park	245 W. Park Dr
4	D.C. Alexander Park	501 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd
5	Esterre Davis Wright Park	1626 SW 23rd St
6	Flamingo Park	1600 SW 21st Way
7	Fort Lauderdale Beach	Fort Lauderdale Beach
8	Greenfield Park	2401 NE 8th St
9	Hortt Park	1700 SW 14th Ct
10	Lewis Landing Park	630 SW 9th Ave
11	Lu Deaner Park	2125 NE 33rd Ave
12	Middle River Terrace Park	1329 NE 7th Ave
13	Peter Feldman Park	310 NE 6th St
14	Poinciana Park	401 SE 21st St
15	Riverside Park	555 SW 11th Ave
16	Snyder Park	3299 SW 4th Ave
17	South Middle River Park	1718 NW 6th Ave
18	Virginia Shuman Young Elementary	101 NE 11th Ave
19	Warfield Park	1000 N. Andrews Ave